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DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU ARE MISSING?

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY OWNERS SAVE TIME BY FILING ONLINE

STATE CAPITOL—In collaboration with the State Treasurer's office, Colorado.gov, the state's official Website, have officially kicked-off the Great Colorado Payback Online Claim Service. For the first time, unclaimed property owners can search for lost or forgotten property held in the state's coffers for safekeeping, and then file their claim ONLINE without having to call or write the office.

The new service will shave about two weeks off the old paper-based claims process. Treasurer Coffman, Governor Owens and Colorado.gov jointly launched the application at a media event earlier today.

"Any day we get to give folks their money back, is a good day," Coffman commented. "This online service makes it easier than ever to reunite Coloradans with their lost or forgotten assets, which means more people get their money back faster."

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The Great Colorado Payback, the state's unclaimed program, holds lost or forgotten bank accounts, insurance refunds, stocks, bonds, and even safe deposit boxes in trust until claimed by the rightful owner or heir. All told, Treasurer Coffman is holding some \$300 million in lost assets belonging to nearly one million owners. The new online service will cut the existing processing time by at least two weeks, putting the property back into the owner's hands faster, while reducing the cost to government.

The application is available on the state's website at www.colorado.gov/payback.

"The state portal has already made access to government services easier for countless Coloradans," said Owens. "Putting the Great Colorado Payback online is another important application of that mission."

Colorado.gov works to make interaction with Colorado government more efficient and user friendly by continually offering new services and information to citizens and businesses. Online services, such as registering your vehicle, applying for a license or paying your taxes, are a couple examples of other services citizens may expect to find on Colorado.gov.

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About Colorado.gov

Colorado.gov is the official Web portal of the state of Colorado (www.Colorado.gov) and represents a collaborative effort between the Statewide Internet Portal Authority (SIPA) and Colorado Interactive to help Colorado government entities Web-enable their information services. SIPA is responsible for Colorado.gov. Colorado Interactive, a Denver based subsidiary of eGovernment firm NIC (EGOV) markets, operates and maintains Colorado.gov.

About SIPA

The Statewide Internet Portal Authority was created in 2004 by the Colorado legislature and is a state Authority governed by an 11-member Board of Directors, consisting of businesspersons and state and county representatives. The mission of SIPA is to make Colorado government at all levels more accessible to its citizens and businesses and more productive through the use of eBusiness technologies.

About NIC

NIC manages more eGovernment services than any provider in the world. NIC helps governments communicate more effectively with citizens and businesses by putting essential services online. NIC provides eGovernment solutions for 2,000 state and local agencies that serve more than 60 million people in the United States. Additional information is available at www.nicusa.com.